CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 17, 2023 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Maribel Aguilera-Hernandez, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, and Councilmember Gloria Soto

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, and Deputy City Clerk Cleary (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:01 p.m. for Conference with Real Property Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

Property: APN 117-240-028
Agency Negotiator: Jason Stilwell, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: City of Santa Maria and Canfield Development, Inc.
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

INVOCATION
Pastor Daniel Cassels of the Life Way Fellowship gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez, Councilmember Escobedo, Councilmember Soto, and Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Acting Deputy Fire Chief Jim Clayton, Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Library Director Dawn Jackson, Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Le (remotely), Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Recreation Services Manager Dennis Smitherman, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary, and Business Program Leader Alexandra Valadez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced that during the Closed Session, price and terms of payment were discussed with the agency negotiator.

Mayor Patino indicated that Item 6A would be moved up on the agenda for consideration.

6.A. **CHAPEL STREET PLAZA NAMING.** The City Council considered adding the name Teresa Machado to the resource list from which City facilities are named and designating Chapel Street Plaza as Teresa Machado Plaza. Recreation and Parks Director Posada gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Staff received one written comment from Bob Orach in support of this item.

Action: Adopt a Resolution adding the name Teresa Machado to the resource list from which City facilities are named and designating Chapel Street Plaza as Teresa Machado Plaza.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-12. 5-0.

Staff took a moment to provide an update on damages, recovery, and available resources related to the recent storm activity in the City.

1 PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. **HOMETOWN HEROES PROGRAM.** The City Council received a presentation of the 2023 Class of Honorees for the Hometown Heroes Program. The Honorees were Amir Athie (Marine Corps); Nick Carter (Army); Ishmeal Castillo (Army); John "Joey" Castillo (Marines Corps); Thomas Castillo (Army); Matthew Crow (Coast Guard); Charles A. Lilly (Army); Luis P. Lopez (Navy); Narciso M. Lopez (Army); Sotero R. Lopez (Army); Carman G. Palato (Navy); and David Yundt (Air Force).

B. **BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH.** Mayor Patino, Councilmember Cordero, and Chamber of Commerce CEO Glenn Morris presented Certificates of Recognition to the Featured Businesses for January 2023 - A.T. Still University (accepted by Dr. O.T. Wendel) and The Historic Santa Maria Inn (accepted by General Manager Scott Shute)

C. Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of January 2023, as "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" in the City of Santa Maria and encouraging all residents and businesses to educate themselves on the issue and report suspicious activity. The Proclamation was accepted by Executive Director of North County Rape Crisis Center Ann McCarty, who introduced and thanked Code Enforcement Manager Dawn Palacio and Code Enforcement Supervisor Yvette Fuentes.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Gary Hall spoke about mobile home rent stabilization.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Soto requested that Item 3D, Debris Removal Agreement, be pulled for a separate vote.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3M were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2023-01, 2023-02, 2023-03, 2023-04, 2023-05, 2023-06, 2023-07, and 2023-08. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings were waived.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 20, 2022.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution reinstating the extension of the City's ability to conduct meetings of the City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees partially or completely remotely by using a combination of in-person/virtual (hybrid) platforms as authorized by Government Code § 54953(e)(1)(A) to promote social distancing, prioritize the Public's Health and Wellbeing under Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders, and provide flexibility as needed to facilitate continuity of government.

Action: Continuation of hybrid meetings approved.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-01. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution approving an Agreement for Professional Services with 2 Mexicans, LLC dba 2M Waste Solutions for one year with the option to extend by mutual parties' consent. Environmental Notice: Adoption of the Resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in compliance with Section 15061(b)(3) (No possibility of an impact on the environment).

Action: Agreement approved with 2 Mexicans, LLC dba 2M Waste Solutions.
Moved by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-02. 4 - Soto.

E. Adopt a Resolution proclaiming a local emergency regarding severe storms and ratifying the Proclamation of local emergency by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services.

Action: Proclamation of local emergency approved.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-03. 5-0.

F. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. 5-0.

H. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the 2024 Grant Program Cycle of the California Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant.

Action: Submission of an application for the 2024 Grant Program Cycle approved.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-04. 5-0.

I. Adopt a Resolution establishing two four-way stops on El Camino Street at North Lincoln Street and North Thornburg Street pursuant to Section 7-5.20 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code.

Action: Two four-way stops on El Camino Street were approved.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-05. 5-0.

J. Adopt a Resolution approving the establishment of preferential parking privileges to vehicles displaying a valid parking permit in the Bradley Square Neighborhood bounded by Crossroad Lane, South Bradley Road, the southerly portion of Bello Road, the westerly portion of Payton Way, the northerly portion of Frederick Street, Rubel Way, Stacy Anne Terrace, and East McCoy Lane.

Action: Establishment of preferential parking privileges were approved.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-06. 5-0.

K. Adopt a Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc., to conduct construction stormwater inspection services. Environmental Notice: The Stormwater Inspection Services Agreement is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to Article 19, Subsection 1530. All projects to be inspected under the Agreement would have had environmental review occur as necessary separate from the Agreement prior to beginning construction and inspection.

Action: Agreement approved with TetraTech, Inc. for stormwater inspection services.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-07. 5-0.

L. Adopt a Resolution awarding a bid for the construction of the Preisker Park Trail Project, Bid No. 2023/01. Environmental Notice: The project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, because the scope of work is an existing public facility with negligible expansion of existing uses which qualifies under "existing facilities."

Action: Award of Bid No. 2023/01 Preisker Park Trail Project approved.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-08. 5-0.

M. Adopt a Resolution approving the acceptance of grant funds from the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program and authorizing an allocation of one full-time Park Services Officer II position for a limited term ending on June 30, 2026, in the General Fund.

Action: Acceptance of grant funds for one full-time Park Services Officer II position approved.

Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-09. 5-0.

4 APPOINTMENTS

A. Deputy City Clerk Cleary gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. The City Council made appointments to the *Block Grants Advisory Committee*, the *Board of Appeals*, the *Planning Commission*, and the *Recreation and Parks Commission*.

Action: Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez nominated Denise Martinez to the Block Grants Advisory Committee. Mayor Patino accepted the nomination and appointed Ms. Martinez to the Block Grants Advisory Committees, which was ratified by the City Council.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

Action: Mayor Patino appointed Tom Lopez to the Board of Appeals and the City Council ratified the appointment.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

Action: Councilmembers Aguilera-Hernandez and Soto nominated Yasameen Mohajer and Esau Blanco, respectively, to the Planning Commission. Mayor Patino accepted the nominations and appointed Ms. Mohajer and Mr. Blanco to the Planning Commission, which was ratified by the City Council.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

Action: Councilmembers Aguilera-Hernandez and Soto nominated Sally Lopez and Paul Lee, respectively, to the Recreation & Parks Commission. Mayor Patino accepted the nominations and appointed Ms. Lopez and Mr. Lee to the Recreation & Parks Commission, which was ratified by the City Council.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

5 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **PEOPLE'S SELF-HELP HOUSING SKYLIGHT HOMES PROJECT - 3170 SANTA MARIA WAY.** The City Council considered a recommendation of the Planning Commission to review a Planned Development Permit (PD2022-0006) and Tentative Tract Map (TR2022-0005) for People's Self-Help Housing to construct 49 single-family residences and create 50 parcels with private streets and associated infrastructure improvements on 8.89-acre site in a PD/R-1. (Planned Development/Single-Family Residential) district. Environmental Notice: A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was previously adopted by the City Council on December 21, 2021, with the approval of the General Plan Amendment for this site.

Principal Planner Frank Albro gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Input
Madelena Nieto, Robert Viadella, and Donna Viadella spoke regarding their concerns over parking, safety, and property values. One written comment from Ray Nieto was received with the same concerns.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the Skylight Homes Vesting Tentative Tract Map, Tract 6033 (TR2022-0005).
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-10. 3-2. Noes: Mayor Patino and Councilmember Cordero.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the Skylight Homes Planned Development Permit (PD2022-0006).
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2023-11. 4-1. Noes: Councilmember Cordero.

6 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **BLOSSER RANCH PROJECT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.** The City Council heard a presentation from City staff on the public improvements being sought and development impacts expected to be generated by the proposed Blosser Ranch Project.

Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, along with Director of Community Development Ng and Fire Marshal James Austin, gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Input
Laurie Tamura, of Urban Planning Concepts, gave a brief history of similar projects completed in the City and stated that she is looking forward to collaborating with City staff further on the project.

Action: Report was received and filed.

B. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM.** The City Council entertained nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.

Action: Mayor Patino nominated Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez as Mayor Pro Tem for calendar year 2023.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES.** The City Council confirmed appointments to outside boards/committees requiring City Council representation.

City Manager Stilwell and Mayor Patino gave the presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

The following 11 assignments were made:
1. Air Pollution Control District (APCD) - Patino (primary)/Aguilera-Hernandez (alternate)
2. Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) - Patino (primary)/Cordero (alternate)
3. Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) - Cordero (primary)/Utilities Director (alternate)
4. Collaborative on Homelessness (Home for Good) (HFG) - Soto (primary)/Escobedo (alternate)
5. Communify (Community Action Commission) (CAC) - Cordero
6. Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) - Soto (primary)/Aguilera-Hernandez (alternate)
7. Investment and Audit Oversight Committee (IAOC) - Aguilera-Hernandez
8. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) - Patino
9. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) - Patino (primary)/Aguilera-Hernandez (alternate)
10. Santa Maria Airport/Council Informational (SMA/CI) - Escobedo (primary)/Soto (alternate)
11. Schools Quarterly Roundtable (SQR) - Soto (primary)/Escobedo (alternate)

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be February 7, 2023. Items on the agenda would include several professional services agreements, a presentation of CDBG accomplishments, and the Betteravia Place Public Hearing.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez had no reportable AB1234 items.

Councilmember Cordero reported that he spoke on the Ben Heighes Show, attended the Longest Night Annual Event, a CommUnify Board Meeting, the Walk of Life event, and the Promotion Ceremony at the Santa Maria Police Department.

Councilmember Escobedo reported that he attended the Longest Night Annual Event and the Special Holiday Food Distribution with the Foodbank.

Councilmember Soto reported that she attended the Santa Maria Public Airport District Meeting.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended the Rick Blaemire Show, a special SBCAG meeting, a Storm Prep Legislative Meeting, APCD Board of Directors Special Meeting, Rotary, Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting, Cal Cities Policy Committee Orientation, LAFCO Meeting, Livable California Communities Teleconference, California Alliance of Electeds, and Life Walk.

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ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned in memory of Richard Weldon at 8:28 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on February 7, 2023.

SEAL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA INCORPORATED SEPTEMBER 12, 1905 CALIFORNIA

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

2/13/2023

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria